

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for making tiles comprising the steps of:

a) preparing a semifinished tile having a first face and a second face; and

5 b) making a plurality of holes suitable for connecting said first face to said second face.

2. The method, of Claim 1, wherein said second face of said semifinished tile is made with at least one shallow groove forming a channel of communication between the side edge of said tile and said holes, said or each groove defining substantially a path for air flow  
10 between the floor and said tiles up to said holes and then into the room at the side of the first face.

3. The method, of Claim 1, wherein said holes are made as an array of small holes while moulding said tile.

4. The method, of Claim 1, wherein said tiles are made of leather.

5. The method, of Claim 4, wherein before making said holes the further steps are provided of:

i) introducing the semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould with said first face oriented towards below;

5 ii) injecting the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space;

iii) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile, said holes bringing into communication the first face of the semifinished leather tile and the lower face of the layer of hardened resin.

6. The method, of Claim 5, wherein said step of making a layer of plastic resin on said  
10 second face of the semifinished leather tile is made after the step of making a plurality of holes, whereby when injecting the resin in the mould the resin fills also the space where the holes are made.

7. The method, of Claim 6, wherein further comprising the step of piercing said file  
with at least one hole for connecting said first face of the semifinished leather tile to the  
15 lower face of the layer of hardened resin.

8. The method, of Claim 7, wherein said holes are made through a portion of resin visible on the first face and hardened within at least one hole made in said semifinished leather tile.

9. A leather tile for room lining, comprising a first face, a second face and a plurality of holes suitable for connecting said first face and said second face.

10. The leather tile, of Claim 9, wherein said second face of the semifinished leather tile has at least one shallow groove suitable for connecting the side edge of the tile with the  
5 portion where said holes are made.

11. The leather tile, of Claim 9, wherein said element is associated to a layer of plastic resin that becomes integral to said second face of the semifinished leather tile, said holes bringing into communication said first face of the semifinished leather tile and the lower face of the layer of hardened resin.

10 12. The leather tile, of Claim 9, wherein said portion of the layer of plastic resin fills said at least one aperture of the semifinished leather tile, said leather tile having at least one hole made through the portion of hardened resin visible on the first face.

13. The leather tile, of Claim 9, wherein said hardened resin has a side portion exceeding said second face of the semifinished leather tile forming an exterior edge that surrounds the  
15 leather.